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bodies and by downgrading the definition of usable water, the newspaper reported.

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## NADB Authorizes \$80 Million for Water Conservation Fund, Approves \$11.8 Million for New Project Construction

At its meeting on Aug. 21, the Board of Directors of the North American Development Bank (NADB) authorized the creation of an \$80 million Water Conservation Fund for financing water conservation projects on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. The fund, which is in part expected to help finance infrastructure improvement projects for irrigation districts impacting the Rio Grande, will be capitalized with a portion of the NADB's retained earnings. Funds will be equally distributed for projects on both sides of the border. The NADB Board of Directors proposed detailed guidelines for operation of the grant fund. The NADB, created under the auspices of NAFTA, is a financial institution established and capitalized in equal parts by the United States and Mexico for the purpose of financing environmental infrastructure projects along their common border.

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## Phoenix Fined for Water, Waste Violations

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice have fined the city of Phoenix \$198,532 for numerous hazardous waste and water violations at its drinking water facilities on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

EPA said in a news release the city will spend \$401,468 to buy an emergency response vehicle for each of the tribal communities affected by the violations.

The city, which owns and operates the Treatment Plant, stored corrosive, toxic waste without a permit,

according to EPA; mistakenly combined ferric chloride and sulfuric acid – two incompatible acids; and moved the toxic mixture to an above-ground tank. The 63,000 gallons of chromium- and cadmium-contaminated hazardous waste were stored for over a year, exceeding the allowable 90 days, the agency said.

The city also failed to immediately notify the National Response Center after it released approximately 14,000 gallons of the highly toxic mixture into tributaries of the Verde and Salt Rivers, the EPA said.

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## California to Set Perchlorate Standard

On Sept. 7, California Governor Gray Davis signed State Bill (SB) 1822 to amend the Health and Safety Code to incorporate perchlorate standards in public water systems. SB1822 requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to adopt a public health goal for perchlorate concentration in drinking water by Jan. 1, 2003 and to adopt a primary drinking water standard for perchlorate in public water systems on or before Jan. 1, 2004. Public health goals are not enforceable but primary drinking water standards are. According to The Daily Environment Report, the OEHHA is finalizing a draft public health goal for perchlorate of 6 parts per billion. California is the first state to adopt legislation to set a standard for perchlorate in drinking water.

The text of the bill is available at [info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb\\_1801-1850/sb\\_1822\\_bill\\_20020909\\_chaptered.html](http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1801-1850/sb_1822_bill_20020909_chaptered.html)

## California DWR Releases SWP Delivery Reliability Report

California's Department of Water Resources has released, for public review and discussion, a draft report on the delivery reliability of the State Water Project (SWP). The draft "State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" provides information on the SWP's ability to deliver water under existing conditions and 20 years into the future and updates information to the State Water Project contractors regarding reliability of the SWP component of their water supply. It also provides data that will assist local water and planning agencies in developing or revising water management plans and in determining local system sufficiency in meeting demands of proposed developments.

The DWR report is available at [swpdelivery.water.ca.gov/](http://swpdelivery.water.ca.gov/)

## International Boundary and Water Commission Posts Colorado River Delta Symposium Proceedings

On Sept. 11-12, 2001, the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), along with several other federal agencies from the United States and Mexico, held a symposium on the riparian and estuarine ecology of the Colorado River delta. The proceedings are now available online, in English and Spanish, at [www.ibwc.state.gov](http://www.ibwc.state.gov); click on the "foreign affairs" link.

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